The Path to Flyer Success

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
How do your students define success?

- Making friends.
- Doing well in classes.
- Figuring out a major.
- Finding a career path...and a job!
- Getting involved in activities and programs.
- Finding out who they are and what matters to them.
- Getting outside of their comfort zone.
- Getting on the Dean’s list.
- Passing every class.

Ultimately, success is graduation!
What does it take to reach the goal?

1. Complete the General Education Requirements.
2. Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 and at least a 2.00 GPA in the major (or the required GPA of the major if different).
3. Complete the requirements of an approved major.
4. Earn a minimum of 128 credit hours in courses acceptable for graduation.*
5. Complete the last semester of coursework and at least 32 hours at Lewis University, as well as at least four upper-division courses in the major and at least two upper-division courses in any minor.
6. Complete any special requirements of their respective college and the major taken within the college.

*Students consult the university catalog for total required credit hours needed to graduate, link below.
What makes up the 128 credit hours?

General Education Courses

Major Courses

General Elective Courses

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Let’s break this down.

• Most courses are 3 credit hours.
  • 1 credit hour workshops, labs and field experiences also are offered.
• 128 credit hours = Approx. 43 courses
• To earn credit hours for a course, students need a certain grade. If they do not earn that grade they will have to re-take the course to earn the credit.
  • General Education Courses
  • Major Courses
  • Electives
• Students must maintain a certain grade point average each semester.
  • 0-33 credit hours = Minimum 1.75 GPA
  • 34-50 credit hours = Minimum 1.90 GPA
  • 51+ credit hours = Minimum 2.00 GPA

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The Importance of the First Year

• Earn at least a 2.5 GPA.
  • One Example: Two B’s, Three C’s and One A*
• Earn an A or B in Cornerstone Seminar.
• Earn all attempted credit hours in the first year.
• Explore and declare a major.
• Find 1-2 connection points.
Important Weeks of the Semester

- **Week 1**  Add/Drop Period
- **Week 2**  No Show Reporting Period
- **Week 8**  Midterm Time
- **Week 10**  Last Day to Withdraw
- **Week 12**  Registration Week
- **Week 16**  Finals Week
# Sample Path to Graduation

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First, remember there is always a path forward.

Second, tell your student to talk with their Success Coach.

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Beyond Advising: The Flyer Success Network
Additional Academic Support

• Peer to Peer Tutoring
• Writing Center
• Program Study Tables
• Speech & Presentation Lab
• Library & Research Support
• Student-Athlete Academic Support
• Disabilities Support Services
• Plus, all our professors!

Visit [www.lewisu.edu/academicsupport](http://www.lewisu.edu/academicsupport) and [www.lewisu.edu/beresourceful](http://www.lewisu.edu/beresourceful) for more information.
How can parents and families support?

• Give students time to get settled and adjusted to Lewis.
• Encourage your student to set first year goals.
• Celebrate the wins and reassure your student all will be well during difficult times.
• Remind students of all the people here at Lewis to help them and normalize getting help and support.
• Try not to doubt your student even if times get tough!
• Remember – www.lewisu.edu/academicsupport and we are just a phone call away at (815) 836-5593.
Thank you and all the best to you and your student this year!